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AKHDAR AG PROJECT

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1. MR. JOUDA NOT AVAILABLE FOR SCHEDULED WASHINGTON
MEETINGS JULY 6. WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF CATEPILLAR-SPONSOR-
ED DELEGATION, HE SPENT JULY 6 TOURING ILLINOIS TRACTOR
PLANT OF JOHN DEAR COMPANY.

2. JOUDA IN WASHINGTON JULY 9, WHEN U.S. OFFICIALS
SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH HIM WERE UNAVAILABLE. ACCOMPANIED
BY CATEPILLAR WASHINGTON REP ROBERT HICKS, JOUDA LUNCHEDED
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AT STATE WITH FORMER ACQUAINTANCE AND EMBASSY OFFICER

EDWARD SPRINGER. DISCUSSING STATUS OF HIS "GREEN MOUNTAIN" PROJECT, JOUDA REQUESTED INFO ON U.S. TECHNOLOGY RE CLIMATIC CHANGES, APPLICATION OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING TO AG DEVELOPMENT AND MAPPING OF UNDERGROUND WATER SOURCES. SPRINGER MENTIONED DR. MARCUS HAIRSTONE OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AS CONTACT. DR. HAIRSTONE, INT AFFAIRS SPECIALIST AT NSF, SPEAKS ARABIC AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH NEAR EAST. AT REQUEST OF SPRINGER, HE WILL BE

PREPARING INFO PACKAGE TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO JOUDA IN BENGHAZI.

3. AFTERNOON OF JULY 9, JOUDA MET WITH BOYD MURRAY OF U.S.D.A. SOIL CONVERSATION SERVICE. DI DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON CATELOGING, COLLECTION AND INTERPRETATION OF TECHNICAL SOIL DATA. UPSET WITH RECENT INACCURATE SOIL SURVEY DONE BY FRENCH, JOUDA ASKED ABOUT BOTH POSSIBILITY OF SENDING TWO OF HIS ASSISTANTS TO SCS FOR TRAINING AND SPONSORING VISIT OF U.S. AG EXPERT TO LAR. JOUDA GIVEN NAMES OF DA OFFICIALS TO CONTACT; MURRAY PREPARING MATERIALS TO BE FORWARDED TO HIM, INCLUDING REPORT ON RECENT U.S. SOIL SURVEY.

4. THOUGH UNABLE TO MEET WITH J.K. WILHELM OF AID AND OFFICIALS AT NASA, HICKS REPORTED JOUDA EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH TWO MEETINGS. LAR EMB CHARGE GASHUT, WHO HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SPEAKING WITH JOUDA, HAS BEEN INFORMED OF VISIT BY PHONE AND LETTER. KISSINGER

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